SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" By levying duties on asavas and arishtas, may I know, Sir, how the alcohol is removed from the asavas and arishtas? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The present question relates to a memorandum presented to the Hon. Minister. This has nothing to do with it."

Number of famine relief works started in Penukonda taluk.

* 242 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of public works, for famine relief, started and actually under execution in Penukonda taluk and Kadiri taluk, and the number of persons engaged in each of the public works?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In Penukonda taluk, 13 Public Works Department Works, 11 Road works and 24 Minor Irrigation works were started. Of these, 8 Public Works Department works, 10 Road works and 20 Minor Irrigation works are in progress. The number of persons employed on these relief works on an average per day is 1,550.

" In Kadiri taluk, 3 Public Works Department works, 18 Road works, and 17 Minor Irrigation works were started. Of these 13 Road works and 4 Minor Irrigation works are in progress. The number of persons engaged in these relief works on an average per day is 3,832."

11-10 a.m. SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" As per the statistics given by the Government, it is very evident that the number of persons engaged in famine relief work are few. Will the Government consider the large number of representations that are being received by the Government offices and by the Members of the Legislature asking for more and more relief works to be started, and start relief works to provide work for more than 50,000 people in both Kadiri and Penukonda taluks? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" More and more will be spent on famine relief works subject to financial restrictions."

Instructions issued to the Inspector of Police, Visakhapatnam.

* 243 Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that after 10th of April 1952 a Minister or the Inspector-General of Police, Madras, sent instructions to the Police Department particularly to the Inspector of Police, Visakhapatnam, to threaten those people who approach the Communist legislators for help and advice?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister take it from me that the Inspector of Police did threaten

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some of the workers of the Metal and Timber Works, Ltd., Kapparada and will the Government make an enquiry into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I wish the hon. Member gives me a written letter or a note on the subject and I shall make enquiries."

Jaggery manufacture by co-operatives in Malabar district.

* 244 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether the Government have permitted Nira to be made by all co-operatives of tappers in Malabar or anywhere else in the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The tapping of trees for 'Neera' (sweet toddy) for jaggery manufacture by co-operatives in Malabar district is allowed. The same concession is allowed to co-operatives in other districts also except Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool."

Auctioning of lands belonging to the Field Labour Co-operative Society of Mulakallanka.

* 245 *Q.*—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU (on behalf of Sri N. V. Rama Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some lankas given to the Field Labour Co-operative Society of Mulakallanka, Rajahmundry taluk, East Godavari district, for cultivation on a fixed average rate were auctioned this year;

(*b*) if so, what were the reasons;

(*c*) whether the poor landless Harijans of the Mulakallanka Field Labour Co-operative Society gave a petition regarding the same to the Secretary, Board of Revenue; and

(*d*) if so, what action was taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The reason for the auction is reported to be the default in payment by the Field Labour Co-operative Society, Mulakallanka of lanka rentals from fasli 1360, to the tune of Rupees 25,285.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) The Board of Revenue directed the Collector to conduct the proposed auction of lanka lands on 21st May 1952 as already notified earlier but not to confirm the sale pending orders on the petition presented by the Society. The Board's further report in the matter is awaited."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, how the Government are going to realize the arrears without granting the lanka lands? "